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After sixty six years, Henry Atkins finally got a decent burial. You may think he is an old war hero, but he's not. "Speedy" Atkins was an employee of Dixon Ticonderoga Company and had a good friend named A.Z. Hamcock. Hamcock was an undertaker with a secret, homemade embalming fluid. When Atkins died in 1938, he had no living family. Hamcock embalmed Atkins and kept him around to monitor the permanence of his embalming fluid. Hamcock and his secret embalming fluid died in 1948. Since that time the unburied Atkins had been kept in a closet. The tuxedo-clad corpse has been on national TV three times and was a regular tourist attraction, but all that changed. Hamcock's widow, Velma, said, "It is time, after all these years, that he be buried. He is a dead person, and there is no need to keep on keeping on." 50 after 66 years Speedy Atkins was laid to rest on Aug 5 1994 in Paducah Kentucky. It took an awful long time for Mr. Atkins to rest in peace. The way this world is today we may

### I. The Internal Seeking of Peace

The word "rest" in v51 means "quiet" it speaks of being settled, a lack of anxiety, restlessness and emptiness. This

desire for tranquility resides in the heart of every man.

A. Peace with the Lord - This great unrest in the heart of man stems from the enmity between man & God.

Rom 1:18 James 4:4 God must Judge sin; therefore the sinner lives the life of a fugitive from the justice of God. Always looking over the shoulder to see if sin has finally caught up with him, always seeking out places to hide from the coming judgment. Colossians tells us that such are alienated from God and are enemies in their minds.

B. Peace in their Life - Not only peace w/ God but peace, stability and satisfaction in life. You know as well as I do that just because you have peace w/ the Lord, you are not guaranteed peace in life. Phillip Keller writes in his book People long for peace and contentment in their daily life. A certainty about the future or surety of fulfillment.

II. The External Suggestions for Peace -

Jesus said in Jn 14:17 Peace I leave w/ you my peace I give unto you. "Not as the world giveth give I unto you." Yet the world has

1) ...we may think that the only way to find some rest and peace is to rest in peace. (Either that or try to hide in a closet for 66 years.) Every one of us wants a restful peaceful life. That's what Naomi wanted for Ruth in verse 1 of Chapter 3, "My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?" In the end of our story, Ruth find peace in the person of Boaz. The same is true for every man woman boy and girl in this world, real peace, real rest can only be found in the person of Jesus Christ. I want you to notice some things about having real lasting peace.

2) Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

3) ...their mind by wicked works.

4) in his book "A Gardener Looks At The Fruits Of The Spirit:" "In the world around, amongst all men, Christian and non-Christian, peace is regarded as one of the supreme attainments. In the tumultuous history of the 20th century, perhaps no other single subject has occupied more prominence in the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of mankind. Peace is ever upon people's minds and lips. It is the profound longing of uncounted millions. Peace is the prize sought for in the depths of the human soul, yet the attribute so often absent."

1) Someone has written: "Money will buy a bed but not sleep, books but not brains, food but not appetite, finery but not beauty, a house but not a home, medicine but not health, luxuries but not culture, and amusement but not happiness."

2) Most of us are familiar with the name of Judy Garland, the child star who became a superstar at the age of 17 in the "Wizard of Oz." By 1948, she was the leading movie musical actress. But even with her success, life appeared to be missing something. At the age of 18, she was seeing a psychiatrist. At the age of 28, she attempted suicide. She had four failed marriages. She was addicted to uppers to perform and downers to sleep. She was found locked in her bathroom by her fifth husband, sitting with her head slumped over in her lap. Doctors said she died of an inadvertent self overdose of sleeping pills. Her daughter, Liza Minnelli, said in a statement shortly after her mother's death, "It wasn't suicide, it wasn't sleeping pills, it wasn't cirrhosis. I think she was just tired."

3) ...world had to offer; the kings over all, none higher that he! Vanity, Vanity, all Vanity! Ecclesiastes 2:11, "Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun."

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A. The Suggestion of Possessions -

The world says that wealth and possessions  
translate into peace. A magazine article  
on comedian Jackie Gleason carried this  
subtile "Tragic facts, never before told  
of the torment behind the Comedy Genius  
who earned 3 million dollars a year. He is  
lonely, tormented and fearful." Some once world?

B. The Suggestion of Pleasure - Many  
believe that fulfillment and peace are  
found in the sensual pleasures of life.

Lord Chesterfield once said "I have run  
the silly rounds of pleasure and by no  
means desire to repeat the disastrous  
dose." A life consumed with the pleasures  
of life ends in shame and sickness.

C. The Suggestion of Position - Yet  
others seem to think that a greater  
importance, a higher position, a greater  
popularity. Most of us are familiar with  
Scripture gives us the testimony of a man  
that has traveled to the end of every road  
looking for peace, 700 miles + concubines, poss-  
essors of all the wealth the world had to

III. The Eternal Source to Peace -

Naomi ~~erroneously~~ pointed Ruth + Orpah  
to the wrong place for peace. But now  
she ~~erroneously~~ points Ruth to the right person

for peace. Rest is not found in a place but a person

A. The Person of Peace - Naomi answered her own question. Shall I not find rest for thee? Vs 3 Boaz.

He had the ability to meet her needs. He had the availability to take her to wife. Real peace can be found only in the person of Jesus Christ. Peace with the Lord Rom 5:1 Peace in life <sup>(3)</sup> In 14:27; 16:33

Augustine, one of the great names of early church history, said after trying to find peace in ever sensual indulgence known to man

"Our souls are restless until they find rest in the"

B. The Permanence of Peace - She noted that Boaz was "our kindred" meaning he was a kinsmen redeemer. She was speaking of a close relationship to Boaz. Although Ruth had experienced his grace. Was sufficed by his gleanings and givings yet real true rest comes from a close communion w/ Jesus Christ. An intimate day to day walk with Him In 14:23 Living out a close walk w/ the Lord allows us to experience and enjoy the peace of God.

IV Close <sup>(5)</sup> Heb 4:9 + 11 Are you resting in Christ. Is the war between you and God over in Christ? You don't have to be dead to rest in peace. A daily walk w/ Lord will produce peace.

1) ...Rest was not in Moab but in the Master. It was not in a land but in a Lord.

2) Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

3) John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

4) John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

5) Hebrews 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Hebrews 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.